

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 53 of the First Extraordinary Session
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Joseph E. Johnson,
President of The University of Tennessee on the
occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph E. Johnson is one such remarkable public servant who is deserving of the special commendation of this body; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson will retire as the 19th president of The University of Tennessee System on June 30, 1999, thus completing 38 years of distinguished service to the university, with eight of those years as president of the UT system; and

WHEREAS, born July 9, 1933, in Vernon, Alabama, Dr. Johnson earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1955 from Birmingham Southern with a double major in political science and history; he received a Masters degree in public administration in 1958 from UT-Knoxville, and in 1968, obtained his Doctorate in Education from that fine school with a major in higher education administration and a minor in industrial management; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson served as Deputy Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration and was the Executive Assistant to Governor Buford Ellington prior to joining UT full-time in 1961; and

WHEREAS, during his 38 years with the University, Dr. Johnson served adroitly as the Executive Assistant to UT President Andy Holt, as Chancellor of the UT Memphis Center for the

Health Sciences, as Vice President for Institutional Research, and as Executive Vice President and Vice President for Development; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished tenure at UT, Joe Johnson was the architect of the university wide system created in 1969, as he saw the Knoxville campus through its period of greatest capital construction during the late 1960s; and

WHEREAS, from 1977-80, Dr. Johnson played an instrumental role in UT's first major university wide capital construction campaign; when it concluded in 1980, "Tennessee Tomorrow" became, at that time, the second most successful campaign in the history of public higher education in the nation; and

WHEREAS, under his astute leadership, the "21st Century Campaign" raised \$434 million and when the five-year campaign concluded June 30, 1998, UT's "21st Century Campaign" became UT's most comprehensive fundraising campaign ever, set against the original goal of \$250 million; and

WHEREAS, during his eight years as president, The University of Tennessee's endowment has grown from \$275 million to a record \$568 million and the annual flow of gifts increased to nearly \$70 million; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson is responsible for an annual budget of \$1.2 billion, an enrollment of 41,000 students and a faculty and staff of 14,000 with annual research expenditures ranking UT forty-fourth in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Patricia Pinckley Johnson, a native of Hazard, Kentucky who holds both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in child development from UTK and their two children, Kent and Kelly, both University of Tennessee graduates; and

WHEREAS, he is the perfect example of a person totally committed to family and the highest ideals of public service and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Dr. Joseph E. Johnson for his meritorious service as president of the University of Tennessee extending to him our heartfelt thanks for his august service to the faculty, staff, alumni, and students of the University of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to Dr. Johnson our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.